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**CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

State Capitol, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA

Minutes of Meeting  
October 23, 2008

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Michele Burton, M.P.H.  
Wilma Chan  
Marvin Kropke  
Nancy McFadden

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Cathie Bennett Warner, Chair  
Vicki Marti

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cathy Halverson, Department of Health Care Services  
Randy Ward, Department of Finance

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT****CMAC STAFF PRESENT**

J. Keith Berger, Executive Director  
Paul Cerles  
Nathan Davis  
Denise DeTrano  
Holland Golec  
Mark Klobberdanz  
Katie Knudson  
Jenny Morgan  
Mike Tagupa  
Mervin Tamai  
Karen Thalhammer

**I. Call to Order**

The October 23, 2008 open session meeting of the California Medical Assistance Commission (CMAC) was called to order by Commissioner Wilma Chan. A quorum was present.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The October 9, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as prepared by CMAC staff.

### **III. Executive Director's Report**

Keith Berger, Executive Director, began his report by informing the Commissioners that CMAC staff is reviewing the proposals from hospitals that have requested Distressed Hospital funds from this year's process, including 68 proposals that have been received requesting over \$300 million. He noted that CMAC staff will be working through the process with CMAC Commissioners and hospitals over the next month and a half, with a target date for having recommended amendments before the Commission for review and action at the December 11, 2008 CMAC meeting.

Regarding the budget, Mr. Berger indicated that the Governor will be calling a special session of the Legislature next month to address the growing deficit in the current year budget. He said he would keep the Commissioners updated as to when the special session might commence and what items might be focused on as they seek to restore a balanced budget.

Mr. Berger noted that there are five contracts and amendments before the Commissioners for review and action in today's closed session as well as continuing discussions and updates regarding current hospital negotiations and negotiation strategies.

### **IV. Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Report**

Cathy Halverson, DHCS had nothing new to report.

### **V. New Business/Public Comments/Adjournment**

There being no new business and no comments from the public, Commissioner Wilma Chan recessed the open session. Commissioner Wilma Chan opened the closed session and, after closed session items were addressed, adjourned the closed session, at which time the Commission reconvened in open session. Commissioner Wilma Chan announced that the Commission had taken action on hospital contracts and amendments in closed session. The open session was then adjourned.